

Four Island firms take half of B.C. export titles

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Four Vancouver Island companies walked away with half of the hardware handed out at the 2009 B.C. Export Awards.

Three Victoria firms took home awards, with Contech Enterprises winning for consumer products, Backstage Technologies taking home honours in the new media and entertainment category and Accent Refrigeration winning in the sustainability category.

Nanaimo's K2 Stone Quarries won the new exporter award.

The awards, which recognize the impact exporters make to the economy of B.C., were handed out at a luncheon in Vancouver on Friday.

IMW Industries of Chilliwack, which provides compressed natural gas equipment for vehicle fuelling and industrial applications, was named exporter of the year.

Other winners were In Motion Technology for advancing technology, Punjab Milk Foods for primary products and resources and Klohn Crippen Berger for professional services.

David Emerson, a former federal cabinet minister who held the portfolios of international trade and foreign affairs, was given the export award for leadership.

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